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SUBJECT: MORE APPOINTMENTS; FCO AND DEFENSE

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1. SUMMARY: WILSON'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE SECOND AND
THIRD ECHELONS OF GOVERNMENT REVEAL THE SAME IDEOLOGICAL
BALANCE AS HIS CABINET-LEVEL APPOINTMENTS (REFTELS).
HIS SELECTIONS OF ROY HATTERSLEY TO BE NUMBER THREE MAN
AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND BILL RODGERS AS NUMBER TWO
AT DEFENSE ALSO REVEAL HIS WILLINGNESS TO OVERLOOK PAST
PUBLIC CRITICISM OF HIMSELF IN HIS SEARCH FOR THE BEST
TALENT AVAILABLE. END SUMMARY

2. PRIME MINISTER WILSON HAS COMPLETED THE FORMATION
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OF HIS CABINET WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF LORD SHEPHERD

AS LORD PRIVY SEAL AND LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS. SHEPHERD WAS DEPUTY LEADER OF THE LABOR PEERS IN THE LAST PARLIAMENT, AND SERVED AS MINISTER OF STATE AT THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE IN THE LAST LABOR GOVERNMENT. LORD SHACKLETON, WHO LED THE LABOR PEERS IN OPPOSITION, STOOD ASIDE FOR LORD SHEPHERD BECAUSE, WE ARE INFORMED, HE FELT UNDER FINANCIAL PRESSURE TO DEVOTE MORE TIME TO HIS BUSINESS INTERESTS IN PREPARATION FOR RETIREMENT.

3. WILSON HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED SEVERAL DOZEN MINISTERIAL AND JUNIOR MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE THE CABINET. THE FULL LIST IS GIVEN IN THE "TIMES" MARCH 8 AND 9, AND BIOGRAPHIC DATA IS AVAILABLE IN "WHO'S WHO." OUR COMMENTS ON THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE FCO AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOLLOW:

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

DAVID ENNALS - MINISTER OF STATE, SECOND IN COMMAND TO CALLAGHAN. AGED 51. INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE LABOR PARTY, 1958-64. MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT 1964-70; RE-ELECTED 1974. IN LAST WILSON GOVERNMENT (1966-70), SERVED SUCCESSIVELY AS UNDER SECRETARY IN DEFENSE MINISTRY AND HOME OFFICE AND FINALLY AS MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY. AN EARNEST HUMANITARIAN, STRONG BELIEVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN MUTUAL DISARMAMENT, VIGOROUS OPPONENT OF RACISM. NO STRONG BIAS, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, REGARDING EITHER EUROPE OR THE US. MODERATE, CONSTRUCTIVE, HARD-WORKING.

ROY HATTERSLEY - MINISTER OF STATE, WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EUROPE. (HE WILL NOT, HOWEVER, HANDLE RENEGOTIATION OF EC MEMBERSHIP; CALLAGHAN WILL DO THAT HIMSELF.) AGED 41. MP SINCE 1964. IN LAST WILSON GOVERNMENT, SERVED IN MINISTRY OF LABOR AND DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, AND AS MINISTER OF DEFENSE FOR ADMINISTRATION. IN OPPOSITION, WAS LABOR'S JUNIOR SPOKESMAN ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ON DEFENSE AND THEN SHADOW MINISTER OF EDUCATION. IN LATTER POSITION, MADE CONTROVERSIAL SPEECHES PROPAGANDIZING LABOR'S LONG-RANGE PROPOSALS TO ABOLISH PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN BRITAIN. A PROMINENT PRO-MARKETEER, HE DID NOT RESIGN FROM FRONT BENCH WITH JENKINS, THOMSON, AND LEVER IN APRIL 1972, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT WROTE A BRASH AND ADMONITORY LETTER TO WILSON. MODERATE ON MOST ISSUES, AMBITIOUS, NOT WELL LIKED BY HIS PARLIAMENTARY COLLEAGUES.

GORONWY ROBERTS - PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY. AGED 60. MP FROM 1945 UNTIL HIS DEFEAT 1974. TO BE MADE A LIFE BARON. IN LAST TWO WILSON GOVERNMENTS (1964-70), SERVED SUCCESSIVELY AS MINISTER OF STATE IN WELSH OFFICE, EDUCATION AND SCIENCE, FCO, AND BOARD OF

TRADE. IN OPPOSITION, WAS JUNIOR SPOKESMAN ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MODERATE, COLORLESS.

JOAN LESTOR - PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY. AGED 42. MP SINCE 1964. MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE LABOR PARTY SINCE 1967. UNDER SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 1969-70. JUNIOR OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN ON EDUCATION, 1970-74. ARDENT SUPPORTER OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND PERSONAL FRIEND OF KAUNDA AND OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS. ONE OF

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LEADERS OF PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING AGAINST PREMIER CAETANO'S VISIT HERE LAST YEAR. DEDICATED SOCIALIST. LEFT-WING. PRIVATELY CRITICAL OF WILSON

FOR BEING TOO VACILLATING. INTERNATIONAL VISITOR TO
US 1972.

MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT

JUDITH HART - MINISTER OF STATE. AGED 50.

WILSON HAS SEPARATED OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT FROM FCO AND
SET IT UP AGAIN UNDER MRS. HART WHO HELD THIS SAME JOB
WHEN LABOR LEFT OFFICE IN 1970. MRS. HART HAS BEEN AN
MP SINCE 1959 AND A MEMBER OF THE PARTY'S NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SINCE 1969. AN ARDENT AND ACTIVE
LEFT-WINGER. WITH TONY BENN, LED FIGHT FOR INCLUDING
EXTENSIVE NATIONALIZATION IN PARTY PROGRAM. STRONG
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SUPPORTER OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. ANTI-NATO.

MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

WILLIAM RODGERS - MINISTER OF STATE. AGED 45.

MP SINCE 1962. IN LAST TWO WILSON GOVERNMENTS, SERVED
AS UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THEN AT
FCO, AND MINISTER OF STATE, AT BOARD OF TRADE AND THEN
TREASURY. STRONG PRO-MARKETEER, CLOSELY IDENTIFIED
WITH ROY JENKINS, RESIGNED FROM FRONT BENCH WITH
JENKINS AND LEVER IN APRIL 1972. HIGHLY CRITICAL OF
WILSON. VERY TALENTED AND HARD-WORKING. MODERATE
SOCIAL DEMOCRAT.

FRANK JUDD - PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY FOR
THE NAVY. AGED 38. MP SINCE 1966. OPPOSITION JUNIOR
SPOKESMAN ON DEFENSE. VERY ACTIVE IN WIDE VARIETY OF
EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS. VIGOROUS
OPPONENT OF APARTHEID. WITH JOAN LESTOR (SEE ABOVE),
LED PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST CAETANO VISIT LAST
YEAR. MODERATE, BUT TENDING SLIGHTLY TO LEFT UNDER
PREVAILING WIND IN PARTY DURING RECENT YEARS.

LORD BRAYLEY - PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY FOR
ARMY. AGED 57. PARATROOPER IN WORLD WAR II. CHAIRMAN
OF THE CANNING TOWN GLASS WORKS GROUP SINCE 1961.
CREATED LIFE PEER 1973. NO POLITICAL EXPERIENCE.
NOT KNOWN TO EMBASSY.

BRYNMOR JOHN - PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY FOR
AIR FORCE. AGED 39. MP SINCE 1970. SOLICITOR
SPECIALIZING IN INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT LAW. NO PRIOR
GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE. SOHM

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